

NIH Fellows Committee Agenda
Thursday, January 10, 2013
Wilson Hall, 3rd Floor, Building 1

Meeting started 4PM

- 1. Welcome New Members**
- 2. Introductions of Committee At-Large**
- 3. November minutes- approval**
 - a. –minutes approved
- 4. Remarks:**
 - a. FelCom Officer
 1. Looking for one person to be a training director's representative. The position will open in February 2013. See below for details.
 - b. Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE)
 1. The OITE will house an open house/ Belated holiday party on 1-11-13. See OITE website for more information.
 2. There will be a graduate student symposium on Tuesday, 15th in Natcher 8:30-4PM
 3. OITE has hired a new career counselor with a focus on industry – those seriously committed to industry should e-mail- Brad Fackler brad.fackler@nih.gov
 - c. Office of Intramural Research (OIR)
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Secretary officer position election: Joseph Tiano
 1. Joseph Tiano was elected to the secretary position
 - b. FAES Liaison position election: Jue Chen, Jia Yan, and Tiffany Nguyen
 1. Jue Chen was elected to the FAES liaison position
 2. Jia Yan was elected to the FAES liaison position
 - c. Grad Student Symposium Tuesday, January 15, 2013: Lucy Kotlyanskaya
 1. Tuesday, 15th in Natcher 8:30-4PM
 2. Student Talks on:
 2. Methylation Portraits of Breast Cancer in a Population-Based Cohort
 2. Regulating Membrane Transporters with Unusually Small Membrane Proteins
 2. Chemical Approaches to Vaccine Design
 2. Prozac Administered During Adolescence Persistently Upregulates Serotonin Transporters into Adulthood
 3. Over 100 posters
 4. Ceremony to present outstanding mentors award
 5. Will be advertised on Felcom Facebook page
 - d. Science Voices from Home, Newsletter-Visiting Fellows Committee: Vatsalya Vatsalya
 1. Goal of organization: Made and designed for visiting fellows to network, make friends, improve their administrative skills, interact with speakers, and give advice to other visiting fellows. The membership capacity is around 25, they usually have 7-10. The group is for both graduate student and postdoc visiting fellows
 2. Two Vacancies: science voices from home and quarterly news letter
 2. Visiting Fellows Newsletter
 2. Science voices from home
 - a. See below for more information
 - e. Training Directors Committee Liaison position for February

6. Subcommittees and Liaison Reports

a. Animal Research Advisory Committee	<i>Lara el Touny</i>
b. Career Development Committee	<i>Sandip De & Meghan Mott</i>
c. Child Care Board Liaison	<i>Clara Bodelon & Nirali Shah</i>
d. Clinical FelCom	<i>Kenneth Remy & Srinivas Vourganti</i>
e. Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics Liaison	<i>Peter Winter</i>
f. FAES Liaison	<i>Caroline Jochems</i>
g. FARE Committee	<i>Ryan Petrie & Lindsey Garver</i>
h. Graduate Medical Education Committee	<i>Joel Stoddard & Ali Abbas Syed</i>
i. Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee Liaison	<i>Joseph Kim</i>
j. IPRWH Liaison	<i>Remy Brim</i>
k. Job Networking Committee	<i>Shekhar Jha & Adeola Makinde</i>
l. Medical Executive Committee Liaison	<i>Srinivas Vourganti & Kenneth Remy</i>
m. National Postdoc Association Liaison	<i>Monica Deshpande</i>
n. Recreation and Welfare Committee	<i>Jeanne Morin-Leisk</i>
o. Service Outreach Subcommittee	<i>Shu Chen & Julien Senac</i>
p. Social Committee	<i>Anna Sundborger & Christiane Kuschal</i>
q. Training Directors Committee Liaison	<i>Kenneth Remy & Julien Senac</i>
r. Visiting Fellows Committee	<i>Vatsalya Vatsalya</i>
s. WALs Committee	<i>Shan He & Pere Puigbo Avalos</i>
t. Women Scientist Advisors Committee Liaison	<i>Clarisa Buckner & Aimee Hollander</i>

7. Adjournment

Other Announcements:

There is a planning for your strengths seminar on Thursday, January 17th, from 9-10 am in Building 50, Room 1227/1233 by Philip Clifford who will be talking about AAAS's new IDP designed for scientists (myIDP.sciencecareers.org) – Will be posted to Facebook page.

We would like to thank our own Lori Conlan for her contribution to the NPA as a board member who served as Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

Please join the NPA – its free for NIH postdocs

FARE competition is back. Applications will be accepted in late February – March. Look out for e-mails with more information. **Judges are needed.**

The Felcom Christmas party was a huge success – Felcom made back the money that they lost last year. Felcom sold 70 tickets, people did not drink enough, and pictures will be uploaded to the Facebook page

Felcom is looking for any good ideas for fundraising/parties please e-mail the social chair Anna sundborgera@mail.nih.gov

There is a rumor that FAES might allow Felcom to use their house for FREE for 1-2 parties/year. Can anyone confirm this rumor?

The R7W has free fitness classes that are not being used – there is a 6:30am class that’s going to be cut. Take advantage of R&W because there is much more there than just fitness.

Felcom meetings will resume on the first Thursday of each month and subcommittee reports are due by the Friday before the meeting.

e-mail Anna sundborgera@mail.nih.gov if your name is not present on the felcom webpage and you are a member

Next meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2013 in Building 1, Wilson Hall
Reports Due by February 3, 2013

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Animal Research Advisory Committee

Lara el-Touny (NCI)

Nothing to report. Meeting on January 10, 2013.

Career Development Committee

Sandip De (NICHD) & Meghan Mott (NIAAA)

Members: Cory Lago (NHLBI), Hui Cheng (NIAID), Lori Conlan (OITE), Chao Jiang (NIAMS), Paul Keller (NIAMS), Ashley Kennedy (NIDA), Adeola Makinde (NCI), Kristina McLinden (NINDS), Amanda Melillo (FDA/CBER), Amarjit Mishra (FDA), J Jairo Montezuma-Rusca (NHLBI), Elyssa Monzack (NIDCD), Jennifer Plank (NIDDK), Nadine Samara (NIDDK), Christina Schindler (NICHD), Pabak Sarkar (NIAAA), Oscar Vidal (NHLBI)

The Career Development committee last met on Dec. 6th, 2012 and our next scheduled meeting is on Jan. 9th, 2013. Our last seminar (Careers in Teaching¹ (12/11/12) was well attended; write up of the seminar and slides provided by the panelists will be available at the OITE website. Next seminar will be on (Careers in Industry¹ on 2/11/13 at Lipsett from 3PM-5PM. This seminar will be video-casted and a link to the video will be provided on the OITE website for those who are unable to attend. There will be also a networking session after the seminar.

Childcare Board Liaison

Nirali Shah (NCI), Clara Bodelon (NCI)

1. Back up care program: Pilot going well. Encourage use to ensure that it can continue to be provided
2. Wait list committee: There will possibly be a proposal to move people to the bottom of the waitlist after they decline just once. This is a major change from the current. This is not official yet, but something the waitlist committee is thinking about. Just up for discussion. Trying to encourage better utilization of the waitlist.

Clinical FelCom (ClinFelCom)

Kenneth Remy (CC) & Srinivas Vourganti(NCI)

Clinical Felcom has its next meeting on January 14, 2013 at 4:30pm in the social work meeting room on the second floor. We will discuss the September Clinical Fellows day, the site visit, and the clinical committees.

Committee on Scientific Conduct & Ethics

Peter Winter (NIBIB)

No report submitted.

FAES Liaison

Caroline Jochems (NCI)

There have been no meetings of the FAES board since the last report. The FAES is working on making improvements to the Bookstore. The new location will be on the first floor in Building 10, near Masur Auditorium. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvements.

FARE Committee

Iain Scott (NHLBI) & Clarisa Buckner

(NIAID)

Members: Anastasia Aksyuk (NIAMS); Meghan O'Donoghue Altman (NIAID); Pere Puigbo Avalos (NLM/NCBI); Jordan Beach (NHLBI); King Leung Fung (NCI); Tiffany Nguyen (NHLBI); Jennifer

Seedorff (NIAID); Jessica Smith (NCI); Joseph Tiano (NIDDK); Brajendra Tripathi (NCI); Janani Varadarajan (NCI).

Recruitment for the FARE 2014 committee has been completed. We now have 13 committee members (including the co-chairs). We had our first meeting and are on schedule for FARE 2014. The next meeting will be sometime in the second half of January, where we will begin to finalize the FARE poster and flyer, and arrange for training to teach the committee members how to use the administrative portion of the FARE website. In early February we will be asking for the help of Felcom members in placing posters advertising FARE 2014 around their respective buildings.

Graduate Medical Education Committee

Joel Stoddard and Ali Abbas Syed

Clinical fellows now have an opportunity to serve on a QI/QA (quality improvement/quality assurance) committee at the clinical center. There are a dozen committees with availability. Fellows will be active members of each of these committees and will have full voting rights. Each commitment would last a minimum of one year. Please email joel.stoddard@nih.gov if you need a copy of the list of committees and Dr. Henderson's description of the opportunity. If you are interested in participating, please submit your name, a copy of your resume, and committee preferences to Kenneth.Remy@nih.gov no later than January 12, 2013.

If you miss the deadline, talk to your program director and he/she can nominate you during the next meeting in February

Fellows can play an instrumental role in patient care at the NIH clinical center because as a member of this committee they get full voting rights

Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee

Joseph Kim (NCI)

Nothing to report.

IPRWH Liaison

Remy Brim (CC)

No meeting in December. Next meeting expected in February or March.

Job Networking Committee

No report submitted.

Medical Executive Committee

Srinivas Vourganti and Kenneth E. Remy

Nothing to Report

NPA Liaison

Monika Deshpande (NCI)

2013 Annual meeting will take place in Charleston, SC from March 15-17.

<http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/index.php/annual-meeting>

Registration is open!!!!

2013 Board officers:

- Lorraine Tracey, PhD, Chair
- Mahadeo Sukhai, PhD, Vice-Chair
- Keith Micoli, PhD, Treasurer

- Kate Sleeth, PhD, oversight officer
- L David Finger, PhD and Tuba Sural-Fehr, PhD, Development committee co-chairs
- Laurence Frabotta, PhD, Strategic Planning committee chair

A BIG THANK YOU to Outgoing officers David Taylor, PhD, Jay Morris, PhD, Zoe Fonseca-Kelly, PhD and ours truly Lori Conlan, PhD.

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2013 Mentor Award has been extended through **Friday, Jan. 18, 2013**. The award recognizes a faculty member who has engaged in exceptional mentoring of postdoctoral scholars. The recipient of the National Outstanding Postdoc Mentor Award will receive a plaque, an honorarium of \$500, complimentary registration to the **2013 Annual Meeting** and a \$1,000 travel stipend. Read information on the nomination process [here](#).

The NPA has released a new five-year strategic plan. The plan identifies three strategic initiatives: serve as the leader in national policy development and advocacy for postdoctoral scholars; strengthen the postdoc community; and build organizational capacity. The new strategic plan also includes a revised mission statement for the NPA. To read the strategic plan, continue here: [NPA 2013-2017 Strategic Plan](#).

Recreation and Welfare Committee

Jeanne Morin-Leisk (NIDDK)

Best deal for a swim if you are a Maryland resident: \$6 for entrance to the Kennedy-Shriver Aquatic Center near the White Flint metro stop. You may also buy a year pass for \$150. If you are not a Maryland resident the options are more expensive and often include membership to a gym. The YMCA seems like the best deal of these at between \$50 (for a family membership) and \$80 (for a single membership). Contact Jeanne Morin-Leisk or Micael Donovan for more options.

The R&W website is unlikely to be revamped in the near future, but it will continue to be updated pretty regularly. The 'Fitness Program' portion of the R&W website will be undergoing an overhaul.

There are a variety of free classes at The Loft happening through the month of January; keep an eye out for emails.

Service and Outreach Subcommittee

Shu Hui Chen (NIAID) & Julien Sénac (NHGRI)

Committee Members: Bond, Michelle (NIH/NIDDK); Ash, Jessica (NIH/NIA/IRP); Janelsins, Brian (NIH/NIAID); Kuo, Lillian (NIH/NCI), Mariana (NIH/NIAID); Kelly, Priscilla (NIH/NCI); Marino, Natascia (NIH/NCI); Reed, Tiffany (NIH/NCI)

Capitol Area Food Help Us End Hunger Fooddrive at the Safeway on 5000 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda, MD on Dec. 15 from **12PM-4PM**. It was a great success. We were able to sell out all 40+ bags by 3:30; raising over \$400 worth of food to be donated to the Capitol Area Food Bank!

Still in the works:

- We are looking into maybe having a Girl scouts science day where we would do outreach event with a Girl Scout troop. They are totally into it. But we need to give them an idea of what we would like to do. They also thought it might be fun if we link this to the Safra Lodge event. I.e. We do the demo with them to help them understand it and then they can help with the guests at the Lodge. We are planning on having a Science day event at Safra Family Lodge in the winter. We need dates and times and ideas to do with the Lodgers. This may be an extension to the Girl Scouts event. Presently, we are awaiting a reply from the Lodge Management.
- OSE collaboration
 - Topics brainstormed:
 - Postdoc seminar series for college students.
 - This might be worthwhile if we can collaborate with a college career center

- and do on weekends/night seminars
- We will be contacted to evaluate the “Lab Challenge” when all entries are in. See the link for more information about this contest:
<http://science.education.nih.gov/NIHLabChallenge.nsf/index.xsp?page=Home>

Social Committee

Anna Sundborger (NIDDK) & Christiane Kuschal (NCI)

Members: Shu Hui Chen (NIAID)

No report submitted. Events to be posted on facebook page

Training Directors Committee

Kenneth Remy (CC) & Julien Senac (NHGRI)

Next meeting is on 1/17 at 10:30-1 in Wilson Hall. We are looking for another representative if anyone is interested. More to follow next FELCOM meeting.

Visiting Fellows Committee

Vatsalya Vatsalya (NIAAA) and Jithesh Veetil

(NIAAA)

Visiting Fellows Committee – January 2013 Subcommittee Report

Item 1: VFC collected the nominations for co-chair positions and electoral procedure is complete. New co-chair is Dr. Jithesh V. Veetil, who has been elected for two-year tenure. He would represent VFC with Dr. Vatsalya during the monthly Felcom meetings.

Item 2: Yearly Planning layout is scheduled for the January 2013 monthly meeting. VFC would decide on the agendas to work for during the year 2013. Members of Felcom are encouraged to provide their ideas which could be added at the VFC forum.

Item 3: Visiting Fellows Committee (VFC) organizes and hosts the Science Voices from Home (SVH) program for fellows interested in careers abroad. On December 20, 2012, SVH hosted Dr. Wanjin Hong from the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology at the Agency for Science, Technology and Research of Singapore (A*STAR). More information on Dr. Hong could be found at: <http://www.imcb.a-star.edu.sg/php/hwj.php>.

VFC is currently recruiting interested visiting fellows to join various projects at VFC like SVH, newsletter and webpage development. All visiting fellows who are interested in participating and bringing fresh ideas of activities to promote international community and career development are encourage joining the VFC monthly held at Bldg. 2, on 14th January 2013.

WALS Committee

Shan He (NIDCD) & Pere Puigbo Avalos (NIH/NLM/NCBI)

Members:

Sally Davis (NIAID), Panpan Yu (NHLBI), Meghan Drummond (NIDCD), Weili Cai(NICHHD), Shuxi Liu(NINDS)

Nomination of WALS speaker has completed. We’ve got 17 nominees this year, almost doubled compare to last year. Committee members have finished ranking nominees and the final ranking has submitted to WALS office.

Women Scientist Advisors Committee

Clarisa Buckner (NIAID) & Aimee Hollander

(FDA-CBER)

The WSA has adopted a quarterly meeting system. The Executive Committee meets more regularly therefore there is nothing to report officially. However, former WSA Co-chairs, Drs. Maria Morasso and Myra Derbyshire received Merit Awards from the Office of the Director in recognition of their leadership of the NIH WSA on December 19th during the Office of the Director's Awards Ceremony.

NIA- Baltimore

Irene Avila & Peter Sykora

We had an institute holiday bake-off and celebration that was well participated by fellows and staff. Baked goods were judged by 2 local foodies. The first Friday of the month, we had a joint social event with NIDA.

NIEHS-North Carolina

Sonika Patial & Jim Aloor

Nothing to report this month.

NCI-Frederick

Cristina Rangel (NCI)

The NCI Center for Cancer Research Fellows and Young Investigators Steering Committee presents:

1) Career Development Seminar Series – **“Designing Your Career”**: Thursday, January 24th, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Building 40, Room 1201/1203. IT WILL BE VIDEOCONFERENCED TO FREDERICK at 549 Conference room B.

2) **13th CCR-FYI Colloquium, “Innovation into Action: Today’s Discoveries, Tomorrow’s Treatments”**, March 25-26, 2013, Advanced Technology Research Facility, Frederick, MD. ABSTRACT REGISTRATION CLOSES ON February 4th. Registration without abstract closes on March 4th. FREE TO ALL CCR TRAINEES. Please visit our website for more details (<http://ncifrederick.cancer.gov/events/CCRFellows2013>)